

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Lafayette Market

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1700 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Foundation and building walls are laid in stretcher bond. The roof is flat and the building is two stories high. (The interior, divided into utility units to accommodate various stalls, is also two stories high). The Pennsylvania Avenue facade is five bays wide and symmetrically organized. The central bays are recessed and divided by two thick brick piers. The center bay is punctuated by two flat metal doors with a light each. To either side of the doors is a flat plate glass sidelight. Surmounting the doors and sidelights is a four light transom. The lights are identical, flat, and of plate glass. Aluminum mullions house these elements. The two bays to either side of the center bay houses flat metal doors identical to those punctuating the center bays. In either bay a sidelight flanks the doors and is in both cases closer to the center bay. A tripartite transom surmounts the doors and sidelight. A concrete canopy projects beyond the two piers and spans the facade immediately above the three central bays. The piers continue above the canopy and are flush with three flat block glass windows that punctuates the facade immediately above the spaces left clear by the recessed entrances. A surround of concrete blocks frames the entrance and block glass transoms above. The two outer bays are each punctuated by a two story high, flat, glass block window accompanied by a concrete sill. Concrete coping caps the building facade.

The Laurens Street facade is seven bays wide and symmetrically organized. The two outer bays are each punctuated by two flat, two story high block glass windows identical in design to those punctuating the Pennsylvania Avenue facade. The windows are accompanied by concrete sills. The second, fourth, and sixth bays from Pennsylvania project slightly from the main facade. The lower facade of these bays is punctuated by two flat sliding metal doors. To either side of the doors a flat boarded over aperture with a concrete sill punctuates the facade. The upper facade of these bays is punctuated by a large, flat, glass block window accompanied by a concrete sill. The two remaining bays are each punctuated by two flat, sixteen light, aluminum frame awning windows. These windows are accompanied by concrete sills. The facade facing Fremont Avenue repeats the design of the Pennsylvania Avenue facade.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1956

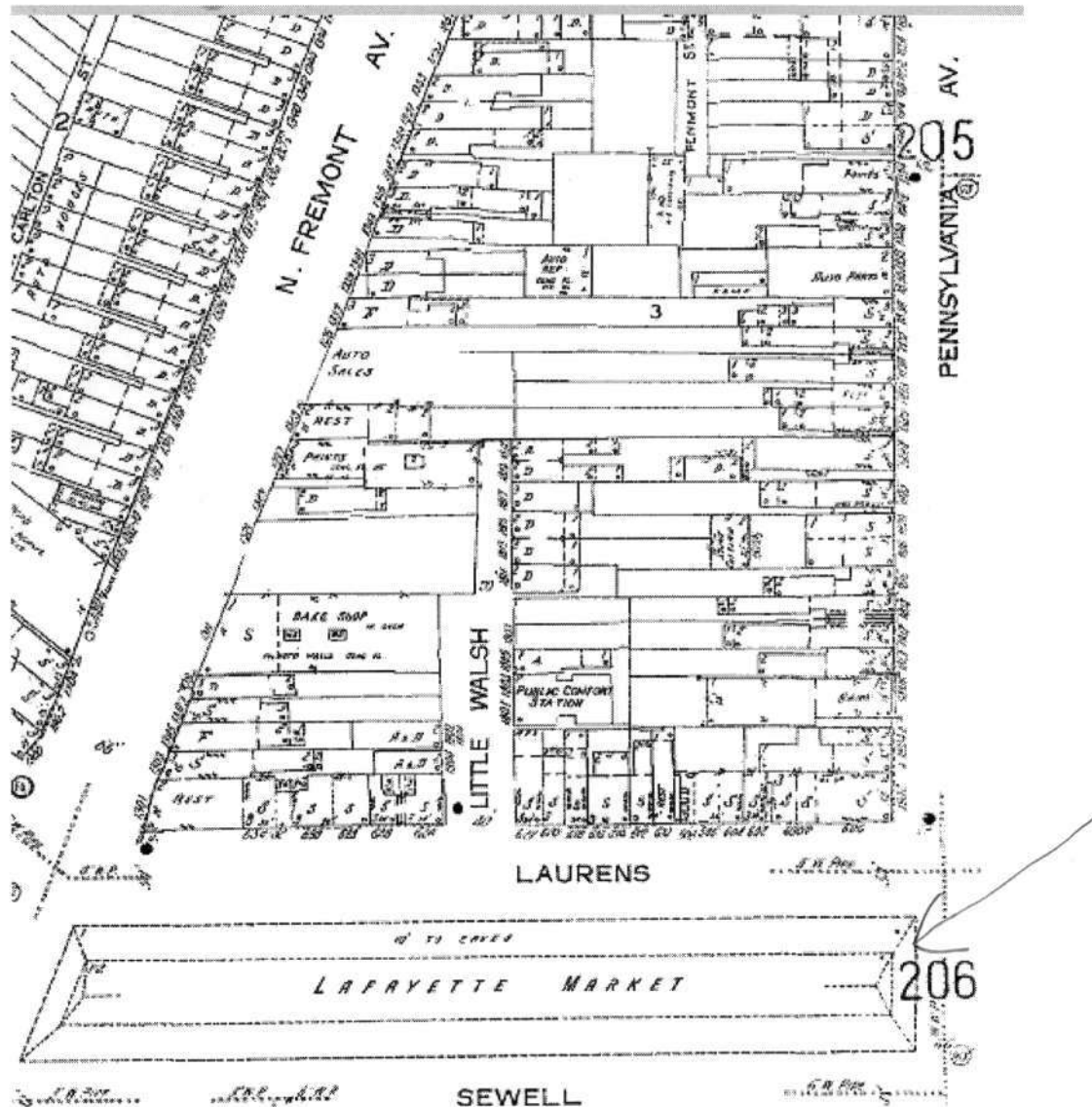
BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the new Lafayette Market was built in 1956, it was said to have the largest steel girder ever produced. It was 100 feet long and weighed 50 tons. The new building replaced the old c.1870 market next to the site of the old building (which was destroyed by fire). There is evidence that a market place existed at this location since the early part of the nineteenth century. The 1823 Poppleton map of Baltimore shows a "Chatsworth Market" on Pennsylvania Avenue between Wilson and McMechen Streets.

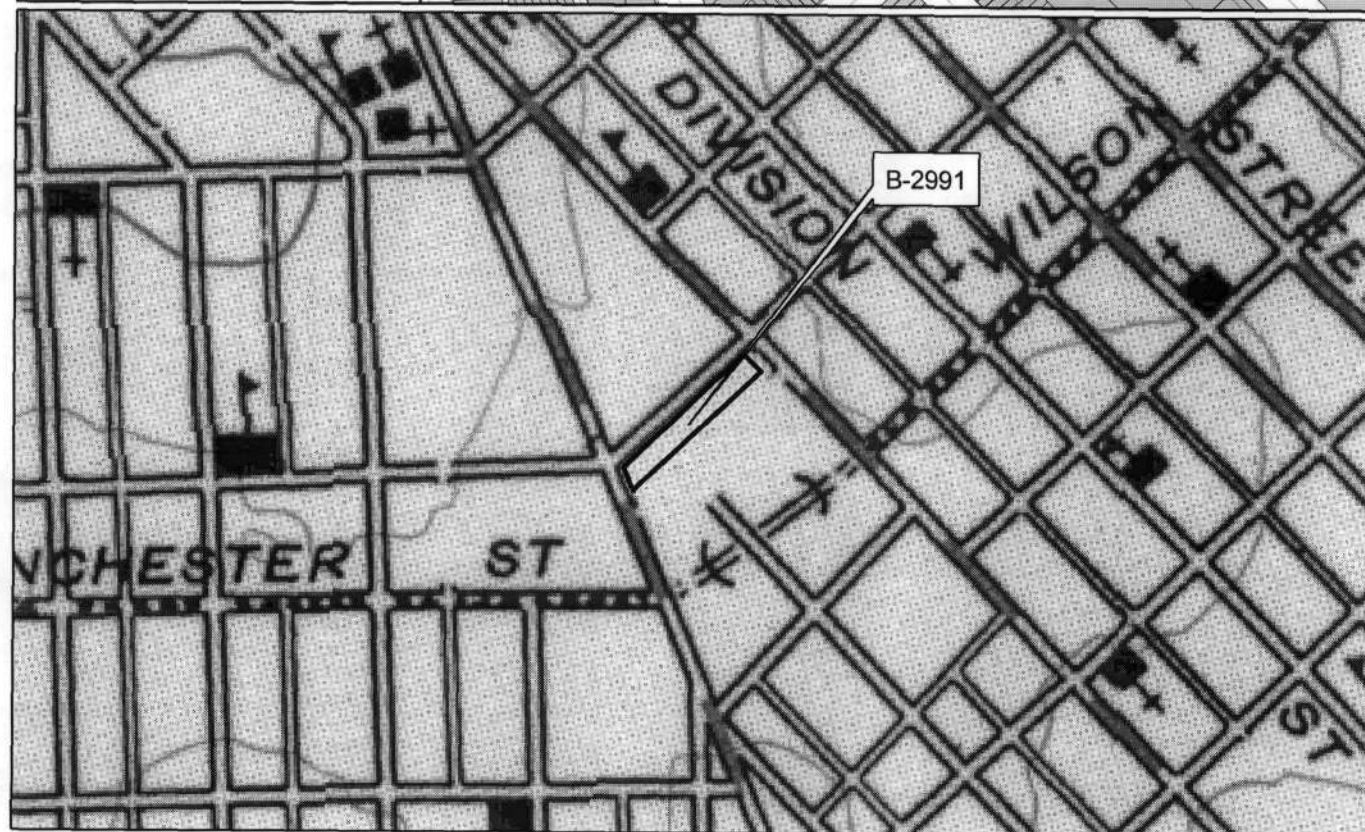
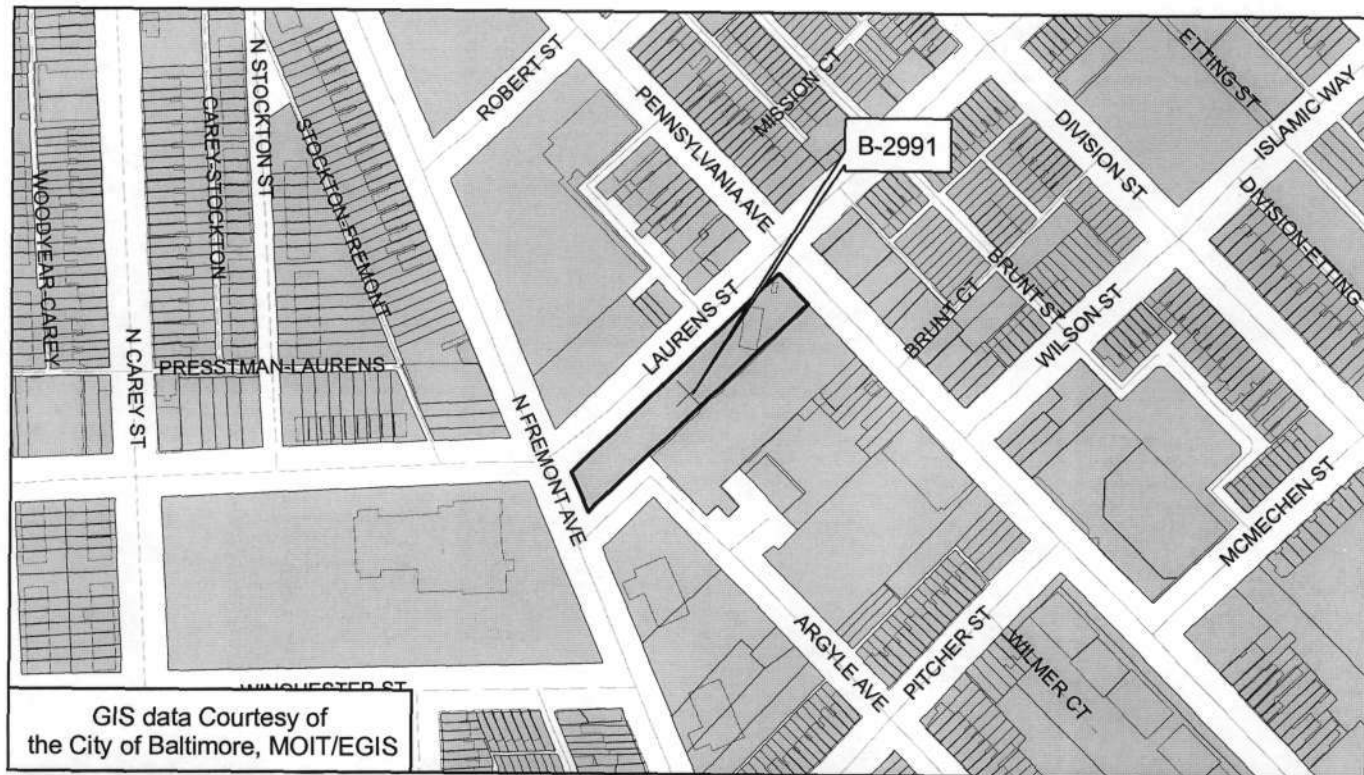
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Baltimore City  
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Block 0319 Lots 017  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore West Quad.

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